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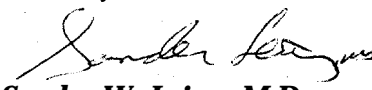
Re: Docket No. 97N-484S

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a neurosurgeon in Roanoke, Virginia who is quite concerned over the recent FDA proposal to regulate allograft tissue as a medical device. Allograft bone has been used for years to help with bone fusion by different medical specialties. I believe it would be wrong to regulate this as an actual medical device, as this could limit its use; this being an important adjunct to obtain bone fusion in our patients.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


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